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You Can Make It in a
Live-at-Home
---4-H Club Project

Choose Your Own Phase of Project:

- Fencing
- Painting
- Repairing
- Conservation
- Electrification
- Growing Trees
- Accident Prevention

**Devote 100 Hours or Finish Products
Valued at \$20 to Complete Project**

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Live-at-Home Clubs Build Skill, Good Taste

Live-at-Home

The Value of "Knowing How"

The "handy man" who can fix things is in great demand. This talent is reflected in the appearance of the home and its surroundings. Homemade conveniences, a tidy appearance of the place and attractive plantings make a home more livable and are all within reach of any person who will develop skill and give the time and energy necessary to improve the home surroundings.

Help Family Living

Many phases of the live-at-home project make a distinct contribution to the family living through the use or the sale of things made or raised. Some articles may be sold and thus give the 4-H member a cash income. In any event, the result will be better living at lower cost.

Wide Variety of Things to Do

This is a project in which 4-H club members may practically "write their own ticket." The purpose is to follow out a plan for a piece of work which needs to be done. This may be on the farm, in the home, or around the home. It is a project which lends itself to the use of boys living in towns and villages who have no place to keep livestock. It is equally valuable for the farm boy.

Here are Some Things

No limit is placed upon the various things which may be taken up by the members of a live-at-home club. A few of them are:

Making a Shelf	Making Farm Signs	Protecting Birds
Repairing a Chair	Storage Places	Repairing Machinery
Fencing the Yard	Growing a Garden	Electrification
Growing Trees	Sowing Grass Seed	Accident Prevention
Growing Flowers	Painting Buildings	Contouring a Field

There are many other things which might be included and the size and importance of the project can be equal to any other in 4-H work. The program for the year should be one which involves at least 100 hours spent outside of club meetings. Value of the products should be at least \$20 for the year. Some may have several times this amount.

Setting up a Project

The first step in the live-at-home program is to make a list of the things which you would like to do. Then make a careful estimate of the time and expense which this would involve. Consider the probable income expected and the satisfaction which you would derive from such a job. When the list is completed, go over it again and check those which you can promise yourself that you will carry through to completion.

Supplies and Equipment

Obtaining the necessary supplies and equipment is a problem which confronts each mem-

ber and club. Frequently material may be found around the farm or in the home which may be used in making things for this project. In other instances it may be necessary to purchase all or part of the materials. However, by careful planning the resulting product should be worth a great deal more than the cost of the materials used. Members should strive to do work of good quality and without too much expense.

Calls for Hard Work

The live-at-home project requires just as much time and hard work as the care of livestock or raising a crop. The boy who undertakes this project is faced with some of the same difficulties that confront other 4-H members but he has exactly the same opportunity for achievement. In other words, the harvest will depend upon the amount of effort put into the program.

Special Activities

All live-at-home members have the opportunity to demonstrate and to have their club represented in demonstration contests. Their records over a period of years are given consideration when delegates are chosen to represent the state in national events. This program lends itself especially well to participation in such activities as conservation, home beautification, rural electrification and accident prevention, for each of which special recognition is given in county, state and nation.

Choose Phase Which Appeals to You and Promises Results

Thinking of a 4-H Club? Here's the Story

How a Club is Organized

A 4-H club is usually organized at a meeting of the members, their parents, and the leaders of the community. The club consists of five or more members and an adult local leader. Each member fills out an application card which must be approved by one of the parents and forwarded to the county agent. Members of the club elect their own officers, usually a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and reporter. The county agent will give all possible help to local groups wishing to organize a 4-H club. Enrollments for first year clubs must reach the State 4-H Club office in Brookings by May 31; for reorganized clubs by January 31.

Who May Join

Membership in a 4-H club is open to any boy or girl who is at least 10 years of age by June 1 and who has not passed his twentieth birthday on January 1 of the current year. New members may be added to the club at any time up to the closing date for enrollment. Those in towns may join the club if they have facilities for carrying on the project.

Program for the Year

Soon after the club is organized and officers elected, the members draw up a program of work for the year. This includes topics and demonstrations for each meeting. Meetings are usually held once a month, oftener if necessary. Each member copies the complete program into his program and record book and keeps a complete record of each meeting. A number of activities may be included in the program for the year. Music and health should always be included.

Literature Furnished

Record books and other necessary circulars are furnished for each member. These include the latest available bulletins relating to the project. Record books are supplied just as soon as the enrollment is sent to the State 4-H Club office. The leader is supplied with a sample of each bulletin available and he may request such of these as are necessary for the members. Literature for activities outside of the project itself are supplied insofar as possible.

Activities

Each club decides for itself what activities to include in the program. Every club should develop at least one demonstration team. Nearly all clubs do some judging at their meetings or at special judging schools or tours. Members who have their project work up to date have the privilege of attending summer camp. Throughout the year, 4-H members may work on conservation, electrification, home beautification, accident prevention, photography and many other activities. The wise member limits his program of activities to those things which he can really accomplish.

Exhibits

Exhibiting the finished product at an achievement day or fair is one of the things expected of every member. Even though not entered in competition, the products should be shown so that the community may see the results. Usually at achievement days the very best exhibits are selected for state or interstate and possibly national participation. The quality of the exhibit has a bearing on the project achievement.

Report for the Year

A detailed report of finances and activities is called for on October 1 so individual progress for the year may be noted and summaries made for the club, county and state. These reports are considered when determining winners of county, state and interstate events.

Recognition

Achievement certificates are presented at the close of the year to each member completing the project. Those who have consistently good achievement records over a period of years are in line for special recognition including gold medals for county winners, a trip to the National Club Congress for the state winner and college scholarships for national winners. These and other forms of recognition come to those who do their very best.

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